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2s Everybody Happy?

By Harry M. (Happy) Davis **Executive Secretary** Auburn Alumni Association



"You've Crossed the Chasm Deep and Wide, Why Build you the Bridge at the Even Tide?" Dromgoole

ONE OF the most interesting events of my shortlived life has been the realization of the great possibilities which lie ahead for the Auburn Alumni Association and its members. I hope you will not consider me presumptuous with what follows, because it is said only in hopes that you too can become more cognizant of these possibilities. Most of us leave college filled with a glowing spirit of youth. Four of our happiest years have been spent in developing a broader aspect of life. We have not had the occasion to stop long enough in our happy campus days to try to find out what makes the wheels go 'round. I'm frank to admit I had not. That was one of my first discoveries upon returning to the campus in 1945, after some years' absence. Here was a big businss. One of the largest in the State, in fact.

You'll agree that a \$12,000,000 annual business is a big business, and that's what it takes to make the wheels of the college go 'round. A' part or a "department" of that big business is the Alumni Association, and a vital part it is, too.

'This thought dawned on me rather suddenly some two and one-half years ago, along with the realization that an Alumni Association is a big business and the job of administering the affairs of the Association, the duty of the Executive Secretary, was a profession. With this thought in mind, the importance of the first step could not be over-emphasized. This step was to take stock. This we did, and we found we had two vacant rooms and a semblance of a set of files. Perhaps it was just as well, because a study revealed that we could pattern our association along the lines of other successful associations and therefore reap the benefits of their many years of experience. The first basic need was a file system, an accurate method of maintaining contact with the "products" of the Institution, and the establishing of a "registrar" of former students. This part of the development is well on the way.

To date, the Alumni Office can boast of a file system as modern as that of any Alumni Association

in existence. We have located and completed the records of approximately 13,000 of our members. Some estimated 30,000 remain to be found, but at least, we have a nucleus from which to work. An estimated three years remains before completion of this re-

While we are proceeding with this task, let's look ahead. What are some of the suggested objectives:

- 1. Create an endowment of at least \$1,000,000 through sales of 10,000 life memberships in the Association. We operate on a budget system and it takes money to run a business (our business).
- 2. Complete the plans for an alumni building program to provide students and alumni with a Union Building -a cultural center where the benefits of the college may continue to be enjoyed.
- 3. Assist in the expansion of the college program by extending college speakers to various alumni and civic groups throughout the area.
- 4. Establish a permanent and rotating board to govern our annual giving program, the Greater Auburn Fund. Annual contributions are being encouraged by so many of our members and, in addition, strengthening our organization. These annual contributions from the alumni add the refinements and qualitative improvements which State appropriations do not cover.
- 5. Aid in the development of summer lodges for alumni who desire both a vacation and contact with the college.
- 6. To continue the promotion and growth of our Auburn Clubs and to have these clubs and their members serve as representatives of the college in their particular area.
- 7. To help establish and be an integral part of an organization created to prepare and supervise all activities in connection with the celebration of the "Century of Progress" by the College.
- 8. To aid, council, and advise by means of Alumni Committees the various departments of the College, with the hope of developing a closer liaison between the various departments of the school and the former students of the particular departments.

Space will not allow further suggested plans. Of course "ever onward" be our watchword, but there are pitfalls. Dangers lurk in our pathway and the gravest of these will be a failure to put first things first. Our first is for all of us to recognize our own problems in our own business. Our job is to run the Alumni Association—a business and a big business. The purpose of the business is to aid, council and advise the college-also a big business-when called upon. The immediate mechanical job is to complete our file system-a job which will require three more years. This must be done before the other steps can be taken.

The next danger is to diverge from a pattern established by other successful Alumni Associations, and then, from there, we could proceed to undertake a program beyond our means. Thus, we would flounder in muddled confusion. All progress made to date would be lost and, perhaps, we would never come back. Another possible pitfall is that of attempting to attach the harvester behind the plow. We cannot reap until we have sowed and as we sow also shall we reap.

So, if we don't undertake a particular course which might look good to you, remember we are trying to take first things first, to follow a pattern outlined by successful Alumni Associations of other Institutions, to operate a business on a budget system, and to do what we can on limited capital.

Here Are The Facts

What You Give . . .

\$5.00 per year—about a penny a day This is your contribution to your association

What You Personally Get . . .

Copies of the "AUBURN ALUMNEWS" the official publication edited by the Alumni, with,

- -News items about your classmates, aranged by classes
- -Columns containing the latest developments at Auburn
- Gossip among the members of your association
- Photos of interesting events and happenings
- -Sports events and developments
- -Accomplishments of the members and former classmates
- -Accounts of alumni meetings held all over the world

The RIGHT to participate in alumni affairs, attend meetings, express your opinion by mail and in per-

The PRIVILEGE to vote for association officersthose who will guide the affairs of the association. Participation in local Alumni club activities.

THE GREAT SATISFACTION which comes from helping (through organization) to do for your Alma Mater many things which she cannot do for her-

PREFERENCE in the distribution of football tickets.

What Your Association Does . . .

PUBLISHES the AUBURN ALUMNEWS, an expensive project, in order to furnish you with the news of Auburn.

EMPLOYS an Alumni Secretary and office force who devote their full time to the interests of the College, her graduates and former students.

KEEPS up mailing lists of Auburn men and women who have left the campus.

PLANS and promotes Homecoming.

ORGANIZES and assists local alumni clubs all over the world.

ACTS as a liaison between the college and all former students.

KEEPS in touch with athletics and offers aid and assistance to the athletic program through the Athletic committee.

What Your Association Plans . . .

TO FURTHER aid in the development of an outstanding athletic program.

TO FURTHER the building program of Auburn.

TO PERMANENTLY endow the Institution so that we can maintain the prestige of Auburn.

TO ENCOURAGE a more thorough understanding among the Alumni of college problems.

TO MAINTAIN the spirit of Auburn.

TO ORGANIZE more local Auburn clubs through which Auburn ideals can be enlarged upon.

TO SEEK a more equalized legislative program with respect to appropriations.

The Need . . .

The Alumni Association needs you as an active member because:

- -Our program calls for expenditures which have to be met.
- -The association is incorporated and like any corporation has operating expenses which must be paid.
- -Greater accomplishments can be achieved only through greater strength of organization. The services rendered by the association are limited only by the funds and support that are provided. THIS IS YOUR ASSOCIATION-BY YOUR ASSO-CIATION YOU SHALL BE KNOWN

The Bridge-Builder

By Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man, going a lone highway, Came, at the evening, cold and gray, To a chasm vast and deep and wide, Through which was flowing a sullen tide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim, The sullen stream had no fears for him; But he turned when safe on the other side, And built a bridge to span the tide. "Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near, "You are wasting your strength with building here, Your journey will end with the ending day, You never again will pass this way; You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide, Why build you the bride at the eventide?' The builder lifted his old gray head, "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,

"There followeth after me to-day A youth, whose feet must pass this way. This chasm, that has been naught to me, To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,

Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

Mary Evelyn Robinson

THE GIANT, gaunt magnolias and sky-reaching pines of Alabama could tell you many a dramatic story if they were able to talk. But they don't talk. They breathe fire into the hearts of Alabamians; every year they see new members of the man tribe take roots under their boughs, and, after a while, these people move on, climb to mountain tops, imbued with the refreshing perfume of pine needles, and with the quiet rustle that wind makes in the staunch branches of old magnolias.

Mary Evelyn Robinson, daughter of a plantationowner, Jesse Berryman Robinson, and his wife, Helen Evelyn Cox, learned her first lessons from the magnolias, from the sky-reaching pines, and from the very soil which fostered her father's business: cotton-raising. Many of her childhood hours were spent with colored workers, whose language and mores became welded into her early environment. Having been taught the rudiments of English grammar during her first years, Mary Evelyn found much to criticize in the speech of old Southern "mammies."

She recounts one such criticism, the scene for which was on the edge of acres of cotton. Mary Evelyn had gone with her father to the fields that day, and, as she heard two aged Negro women talking, she tilted her head to one side, listening more closely. When she had heard enough to know that the English language was being heartlessly slaughtered, she boldly told one of the colored mammies: "You can't say hit for it."

Astonished, the old women looked at her. Then, one said skeptically: "Chile, you had better be gwine to home."

Uncle Remus stories were the highlights in a child's life during the 1880's and 90's. One colored man, Uncle Jeff, all of 110 years of age, would call Mary Evelyn and her friends and her brothers and sisters to his side; and then he would begin the hand-me-down stories which, he claimed, his mother had told to him in Africa. They were stories of wild or tame animals, stories to which the children listened intently, their eyes wide, their mouths open.

Perhaps it was as she heard Uncle Jeff impart his little bit of knowledge to her playmates that Mary Evelyn decided to become a teacher. Or it may have been that she decided upon a teaching career as she sat on the hard benches in the little Waverly schoolhouse which she attended, and where she could do her level best to touch her toes on the floor, to no avail. That little schoolhouse has become typified in modern stories: one door, one window, one chimney; readin', writin', and 'rithmetic. But such a school as that, and the earlier instruction she had received from her mother, formed the foundation of Mary Evelyn's future years of teaching. Before she entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Mary Evelyn had had only 32 months of formal schooling.

Well does she remember the day she graduated from Waverly High School. She thrilled over the thought of entering a world of hopes, and she thrilled over another thing: Mary Evelyn had won the gold medal in Elocution at Waverly that year. One of the judges in the elocution contest had been Dr. O. D. Smith, of API. Appalled at the amazing brilliance of this youngster, Dr. Smith invited her to come to Auburn. Later on, she did. However, first she rounded off her pre-college education by attending the East Alabama Male and Female Institute at Notasulga, where she attached music and art to her horde of knowledge. At the Institute, Miss Robinson began her teaching career—a career which was destined to stretch over more than 45 years.

Since her Uncle Remus days, Miss Robinson had heard of Auburn—by the time she entered the junior class here, she had grown to love the legend of Auburn, its spirit, and its heart.

"It went to my heart when I first went there," she will tell you. "What was taught me there gave me inspiration to go ahead."

Within her, the spirit of Auburn grew until it today unfolds in many colorful stories of Auburn's earlier years, its earlier pains. When she tells tales of Auburn, there is a quiver of love around Mary Evelyn Robinson's lips.

And many are the things she can tell you about old Auburn. The professors of her day she can name without hestitating. But really interesting are her brief reminiscences about life in Auburn during her days here. Most of the girls of '98 and '99 had quite a time with the male students at API; Miss



Mary Evelyn Robinson, a retired Birmingham school teacher, is Auburn's Alumna of the Month. Miss

Robinson taught throughout Alabama for more than 45 years. She now lives in retirement at her home.

Robinson, reared along with five brothers and four sisters, had not the least bit of trouble.

Once, several boys wanted her to come over into the workshop to see how they were making finished objects from rough wood. Of course, male and female students were not supposed to be with each other during school hours in those days, but eager for a new experience, Mary Evelyn walked over to the woodworking shop, and there she began to inspect the mechanical processes of shaping gavels from wooden blocks. Soon, however, a student near the door yelled out: "There comes the professor." Luckily, Mary Evelyn edged out Tracker was called.

By her schoolmates, Mary Evelyn was called "Friend" Robinson, because of her incessant aid to fellow students who were failing courses. Before she graduated in 1899, several of the students who had invited Miss Robinson to the woodworking shop gave her a gavel which, 40 years later, she presented to a club in Birmingham, now her home town. That same gavel today has a silver band around it, and it is known as the Mary Evelyn Robinson Prize to children for poetry.

During her 45 years of teaching, Miss Robinson has served in instruction positions and as principal of numerous schools. She has taught in country schools with sand roads running past their front doors, and she has taught in city schools bounded by paved streets. At Salem, and Brewton, and Sylacauga, she occupied every position from teacher to the head of departments. In 1903, she went to Ensley High School in Birmingham, as Principal. There, she was also acting principal of the grammar school, and had to teach science, English, French, history, and mathematics.

"In those days discipline was handled with the rod," she says.

So Miss Robinson, since she "didn't like to whip children," accepted a place teaching German and science in Bessemer High School. From there, she went in 1906 to Birmingham High School (now Phillips High School), where she taught science for the next 24 years. Then she was appointed Head of the Science Department at West End High, which position she held until her retirement in 1944.

In he first days of teaching, Miss Robinson read the Bible to her classes each morning. She was once reading the story of Jonah and the whale. One small, tow-headed boy piped up: "Aw, I know what was the matter. Jonah was chawin' tobacco. That's why the whale spewed him up."

Throughout her long years of teaching, Mary Evelyn Robinson has attempted to learn something new each day. She holds two degrees other than her B.S. from Auburn: An A.B. from Howard College in Birmingham, and an M.A. from Howard. She became interested in writing some years ago, and has sold several poems and a bit of prose. Right now, she has a book of stories and poems for small children ready for publication. Incidentally, the book's illustrations have been made by Miss Robinson, herself.

Many Alabama organizations have Miss Robinson's name on their membership roster. She has belonged to the Iris Vive Club in Birmingham for 41 years, and three times she has been president of that group. Until 1944, Miss Robinson was a member and twice-president of the Poetry Society of Alabama. She has been a member of the D.A.R. and the U.D.C., and she is a charter member of the Alabama Academy of Science, being one of a committee appointed to draw up the constitution of the A.A.S. At present, she holds membership in the Caisson Club, and in the Alabama Writers' Conclave, which she serves as treasurer. Miss Robinson is also a life member of the Auburn Alumni Association.

Never one to let her mind or her fingers be idle a single moment, Miss Robinson, since her retirement, has taken up art, the writing of poetry, and handpainting delicate designs in scarfs and other materials. Last November she sent a gift in the shape of a hand-painted scarf to Princess Elizabeth, as a wedding present. In the return mail, Miss Robinson received an invitation to the Princess's wedding.

"I think I have been able to keep on working," Miss Robinson says, "because I have been interested in so many things. When I am bored with one hobby, I can turn to another."

Several of her paintings have won prizes in Alabama state showings. Should you ever visit her at her little home in the western section of Birmingham, you will become so engrossed in the paintings which adorn the walls, that you will inevitably ask: "Who painted these?"

Your hostess, Miss Robinson, will smile and humbly

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The Unbeatable Gentleman

A CULLMAN County farmer is bringing national fame to Alabama. His name is Ed Bottcher, he's a member of Auburn's class of 1928, and he's 41 years old and as tall and handsome as a southern gentleman should be. But it's his brain that has farmers and city people alike from coast to coast talking about "the man who can't be beat."

On the farm quiz program, "R.F.D. America," Bottcher, exhibiting a limitless fund of knowledge, a keen sense of humor, and deadly logical intelligence, had defeated the survivors of comptition among 20 states (when this was written), including all the northern states between Pennsylvania and Wyoming.

It all started on Thursday night, March 25. Ed

had been chosen as one of three farmers from Cullman County to visit Chicago and appear as contestants on "R.F.D. America," broadcast on the Mutual network each Thursday at 8:30 p.m. They were to compete against the Master Farmer who had won the previous week's question session and thus had become the final survivor of 16 weeks of competition, Mrs. Sara Brooker of Georgia.

After a three-day whirl of the city of Chicago at the expense of Louis G. Cowan, Inc., the organization which produces "R.F.D. America," the contestants were ready for the broadcast. One unusual circumstance had arisen. Mrs. Brooker, who was traveling under a doctor's care, had announced that

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Ed Bottcher's two lovely 16-year-old twin daughters, Melba June and Jo Ann, came to Chicago with

their father for one of his broadcasts on "R.F.D. America." Here they are, meeting Emcee Joe Kelly.



The Alabama contestants who headlined "R.F.D. America" on the March 25th program were, besides

Ed Bottcher, Mrs. Ernestine Grobs, Cullman, Alabama, and Douglas Hart, a member of API's '38 class.

from Cullman County

if she won again March 25, she would be unable to to return for the program the following week. Thus, the Alabama contestants knew that one of their group would be that week's Master Farmer.

In the question session, Ed Bottcher pulled to an early lead, with a score that would have made him easily Master Farmer. However, Ed knew that Mrs. Brooker would much prefer to retire from the program with an undefeated title . . . so, typically gallant, he held back from answering so that she could pile up the largest score. When she won the title, she defaulted, and the title went to Ed Bottcher . . . for the first time.

The following week, "R.F.D. America" broadcast from Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Ed flew to Grand Forks to defend his title. With him, he carried quarts of Alabama strawberries as a treat for Joe Kelly and the program staff. That night he won his second Master Farmer title . . . and after the show, when everyone gathered to talk over the trip to North Dakota, Ed surprised the group with a big plate of strawberry shortcake . . . covered with red ripe Alabama strawberries and thick whipped cream.

Ed flew to Chicago with the program staff and stopped by the offices of Louis G. Cowan for a chat. The whole office stopped work for awhile to talk to Ed. He is so well liked by everyone there that half of them are preparing to drop in on the Bottcher family when vacation time rolls around!

The next week, on April 8, Ed was up against three farmers from Indiana. That week he was determined to tie all previous records on the program and win that title again. And when an Alabamian makes up his mind . . . it's as good as done! Ed won the title and was on his way to a record breaking run. That week his two lovely twin daughters, Melba June and Jo Ann, age 16, accompanied him to Chicago. Needless to say, they charmed Ed's Chicago friends as much as their father had. And when he won the title that night, you have never seen such pleased looks as were on those girls' faces. Ed, you see, is their "Very Best Boy Friend."

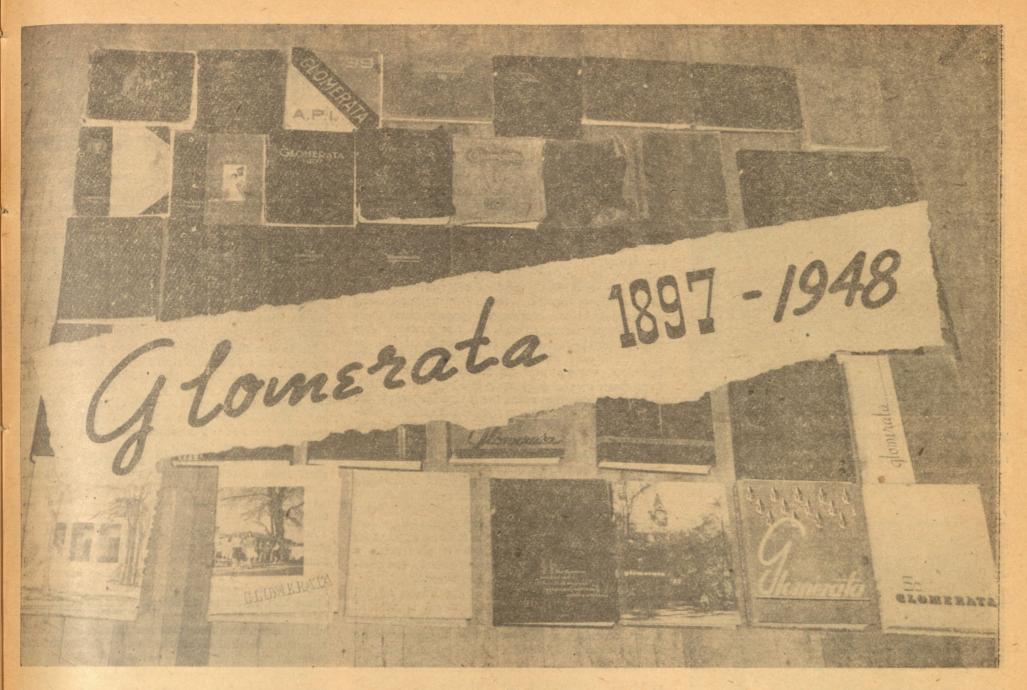
For his April 15 appearance on the program, Ed made his fourth round-trip to Chicago. Twice he had driven up, and twice he made the trip by airplane. This time he faced contestants from the state of Virginia . . . and this time when he won, he became the first contestant to win for a fourth time. You can see why he is being called the Farmer's John Kieran . . . and why people are beginning to believe that Ed Bottcher is really unbeatable!

Ed makes his home at R.F.D. 2, Hanceville, Alabama, along with his wife, the former Madaline Sanders, twin daughters, and two younger sons. He owns 153 acres of farm land on which he raises purebred Jersey cows, poultry, legume seed, seed oats, corn, alfalfa, hard seed crimson clover, and cotton. He is a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He has been farming for 18 years. He was formerly employed as Assistant County Agent by the Alabama Extension Service, and later was an analyst in the Cooperative T.V.A. Extension Service Program.

In August, 1942, Ed went into the Army. He ended his four years of service in the Philippines, having reached the rank of Captain. When he returned, (Continued on page nine)



Pictured above is Ed Bottcher, unbeatable Auburn alumnus on "R.F.D. America," quizzing MC Joe Kelly



For Over a Half Century This Annual Has Engraved API's Rise To Educational Fame

REMEMBER THE GLOMERATA of 1897? It was Volume One of a series of Auburn annuals now in their fifty-first year of publication. Like the Glomerata of today, the Glomerata of '97 reflected the spirit of the times. Like the Glomerata of today, it boasted pictures of gallant young men and prim, beautiful women, whose apple-red complexions could not be transferred to a black and white photograph.

But wait! These '97 girls are in black dresses which stretch to neatly concealed shoe laces; and these young women: they are wearing stiff, starched uniforms, the collars of which seem to be scratching their necks and leaving them unbearably restless. Turn the page, and you see short stories, poems, legends, all written by Auburn students in 1897. You can tell that they constantly roamed into new fields of knowledge, and into new fields of clover at Chewacla, on the bicycle paths, and across dusty, rambling roads, these meager roads being few and far between.

Because co-eds are being kept strictly in their domain, John walks alone along a path bordered on one side by briars and succulent blackberries, and on the other side by pine needles underneath a roof of forest boughs and clouds. John, a cadet and student at Auburn, has recklessly taken leave of his studies this afternoon, and he is on his way to Chewacla, where he will find a secluded pool, take off his clothes, and dip himself under cool water. The sun is hot; it relentlessly beats down through rough underbrush surrounding John and forces him to close—half way close—his eyes. John hears the rattle of a snake, and he quickly leaps to one side. The snake slithers off; down the path it meanders, triumphant, glorying in its victory over a human. John waits several minutes before he continues his trek toward Chewacla and the cool water which will soothe his fears, push him from its depths to renew, refreshed, studies of tomorrow, the next week, the next year.

A wild, untamed place was Auburn then, a place which promised great things: a great new world of knowledge, fun, and hope. Then there comes 1907, a year which witnessed the end of the Glomrata's first decade of publication. Some things had changed in that decade; some things still remained the same. The trees around Samford, or the "Main Building", had grown about 20 feet taller; students could have photographs taken with their coats off; big, flowery Easter bonnets had come into style for co-eds. But hear that mournful whistle in the east? That's the

Opelika-Auburn train, still as dirty and as smoky in 1907, as it had been in 1897.

In the Glomerata itself, there were fewer poems, and no short stories whatsoever. Attribute that to the fact that there were fewer co-eds than there had been in '97—fewer co-eds to add a light touch to the fancy of some young man's pen.

Twenty more years roll by, and the Auburn of '97 can hardly be recognized. Oh, the spirit is yet there. In 1927, though, the Glomerata features campus beauties. Social days have begun, and many new fraternities have been founded or originated on the campus. The dare-devil, race-track days are here, days when Ford's first cars of a slightly modernistic nature rattle down the streets. Whereas the Auburn town of '97 had been composed of antiquated buildings, beautiful for their age, the Auburn town of '27 had begun to modernize. There were new buildings, skyscrapers of two stories heighth.

Sororities had entered the scene, and girls flocked to them for a lively campus social life. If the John of '97 had walked over that same path to Chewacla he would have been surprised to find that the path branched out upon a modern dirt road and that this twisting, curving dirt road was loaded with cars—at least five or six—every Saturday afternoon. John would have hopped one of those velocipedes to Auburn's campus, and there he would have found bright-colored suits, brightly-colored ties.

"My, how times have changed," John would have whispered.

"Hello, Mr. Alumnus," a student would have

1948 Editor: John Shaffer



Shaffer

EDITOR of the 1948 Glomerata, which will be ready for distribution on June 15, is John Shaffer, '49, from Montgomery, Ala. John is a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity, ODK, Spades, and Scarab. After graduating next March, he plans to go into architecture and "to do some furniture manufacturing on the side." During World War II, John served for 40 months-20 months of which were spent overseas on the As-

cension Island-with Air Corps Intelligence.

said to him. "Been away a long time?"

"Thirty years," John would have answered.

"Long time," the student would have solemnly replied.

They would talk, as Auburn men always talk to each other, confidently, brotherly, and eventually the conversation, as all conversations between an alumnus and student do, would have worked around to the Glomerata.

"Glomerata still being published?" the alumnus would ask.

"Sure," the student woold reply. "Do you want to see one?"

And the alumnus would reply positively. The word Glomerata naturally establishes a rapport between two Auburn men. The alumnus would look in the Glomerata. He would see features concerning new fraternities, new organizations, new publications.

"Say, this is a great little book," he would say. What he would not say was that this was an improvement over the '97 Glomerata, or that this was an improvement over the '07 Glomerata, for no Glomerata is an improvement over the last year's, or over last century's. All Glomeratas are merely additional branches of the growing tree of Auburn's progress; they are a recording of the progess of a great school—of a great school which produces great alumni.

By 1937, the Glomerata had gained color and was capturing the spirit of changing times. Girls wore their skirts half way between their ankles and their knees, there were sleeveless evening gowns, and photographers could catch the stars in a pretty girl's eyes, the sparkle of her teeth. Auburn itself sparkled on the football field, and the yell "OUR TEAM IS RED HOT" reverberated from Samford to old buildings along Wright's Mill Road. Numbers had begun to count; the idea of quantity came into existence: "the biggest graduating class ever seen here"; "more men out for football than ever before."

Now, the Glomerata of 1948 is a far cry from the book, Volume One, published 51 years ago. It is streamlined. There are pictures galore to please the eye, there are different types of color-blends used, and there are larger fraternities, larger sororities. But into the composition of the '97 Glomerata went the same love of Auburn which the editors of today have put into the '48 Glomerata.

If John, '97, could see the Glomerata of today, he would say: "Say, this is a great little book."

THE FOLLOWING GLOMERATAS are missing from our files: 1902, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1930. If you have an extra Glomerata for one or more of these years, please donate it to the Alumni Association for filing purposes.



These lovely ladies are preparing to take a swim at Chewacla. They're climbing to the high dive.



Be it fall, winter, spring, or summer, students visit Chewacla. It's the congenial atmosphere there.

The Legend Of Chewacla

By Robert Wilton Burton

AMONG THE many beautiful streams that water that part of Alabama which was for a time inhabited by the Creek Indians, Chewacla Creek is pre-eminent for picturesque scenery and romantic associations. It rises in the county of Lee, not for from the Georgia Line, but instead of emptying in the Chattahoochee River, which would seem its easiest and most natural course, it turns westward and runs a long an adventurous course to lose itself in the bosom of the Alabama.

At one point, a few miles south of the college town of Auburn, it turns the western brow of a high hill, and is met by a brook that comes dancing and leaping down the rocks from the exactly opposite direction. It is hardly necessary to say, the two currents thus united bear the name of the larger confluent, Chewacla, which now resumes its westward course with increased volume and quickened flow through a deep gorge overhung by steep and rugged heights.

A high bridge that spans the ravine just below the confluence of the steams serves as a pleasant promenade and gallery of observation. Looking westward, the observer might easily fancy that in some remote period of Dame Nature, in one of her more benevolent moods, had cleft a mountain longitudially, to afford a passage for Chewacla, eastward a towering hill bars the view and confines the eye to its fantastic rock forms, like ruined walls of castle gray, overgrown with vines and flowering shrubs. Here and there upon the rugged steep the Kalmia displays its clustering blooms; here and there a pine raises a tall slender shaft, as if aspiring to overtop the summit and spy out the land that lies beyond.

At the northern extremity of the bridge an old mill house, dingy and weather-stained, is perched uneasily upon the dizzy brink of a precipice, its great wheel crooning a deep-toned bass to the cascade's liquid treble.

This picturesque and romantic spot is the favorite resort of picnic parties and the haunt of fond lovers from all the neighboring villages. But separate and apart from the attractive features of the landscape the locality possesses a mysterious charm that can not be ascribed to any natural cause, or accounted for by any process of reasoning. It is enchanted ground. Every vagabond breeze that strays into the glen, kissing the flowers and making them blush and whisper in protest, breathes softly of the tender passion. There is a magic influence in the atmosphere that makes havoc among susceptible hearts and is responsible for many a latter-day romance. But no one need remain in doubt as to how the little glen was endowed with this magic quality; upon the outspread page of nature this legend is written in characters so plain that he who runs may read:

Chewacla, a young brave, and Kiattina, a beautiful maiden, were enamored of each other in that eastern land where they were born; but a feud sprang up between their respective tribes, and when the

Creeks emigrated westward into the land of Alabama, the lovers drifted apart, and there arose between them a mountain which neither could climb, though Chewacla had the strength and courage of a lion, and Kiattina was as nimble as a wild gazelle.

A year passed without any means of communication between the fond and faithful lovers. There was no exchange of scented billets, as with the pale faces; no sympathetic friend to arrange clandestine meetings; no public prints to convey tidings of one to the other. And each was conjured—nay commanded on penalty of death—to forget the other. A year—and then one day in spring, when the forests were sweet with the perfumes of new-born flowers, and vocal with the love songs of birds—the thoughts of each lover simultaneously turned to the other with the fond impatience characteristic of the tender passion.

Up to this time Kiattina had been playing among the willows, a few miles north of the mountain, idly dreaming of her lover, and softly sighing for his presence. But now, urged by a mysterious impulse she stole quietly from under the fringe of willows, and ran noiselessly down a little valley toward the frowning front of the cruel mountain that separated her from her lover.

Chewacla had been loitering among the sombre pines south of the mountain, growing sluggish and somewhat corpulent, when the strange and powerful influence fell upon him and quickened his energies.

As prompt to ebey the impulse as Kiattina, he shook off his lethargy, crept steadily out of the sandy flats, and headed northward. He paused a moment on the summit of a gentle slope to gather himself together for a desperate onset upon the hill that rose before him, then rushing down, threw himself frantically against the solid wall of rock, only to be hurled back with a force that sent him reeling around around a hillock that crouched under the mountain's shadow.

Nothing daunted, but with slower pace, and summoning all his strength as he went, he made the circuit of the little hill and turned to charge again, when, lo! as if by magic, a great gap opened before him, the mountain was rent in twain, leaving no obstruction in his path save one precipitous rock at the further extremity of the pass.

Drawing himself up for a swift run and a great exertion of strength, by which he hoped to scale the cliff, he was in the act of dashing forward when his attention was arrested by a sylphlike form that, at that instant, appeared on the summit of the rock before him. A thrill that only lovers can feel upon recognition of the objects of their passion, shook his manly frame. Could his eyes deceive him? No; a thousand times, no! It was Kiattina, queen of his heart, beloved of his soul!

A single moment of maidenly hesitation, and Kiattina, with dancing feet and rippling song, skipped lightly over the rocks and down the steep declivity, and fell into her lover's arms.

But hark! What are those sounds that come to disturb this moment of supreme bliss? Alas! too well the lovers know their fearful import. The vengeful yells of pursuers! From the north, as they follow the trail of Kiattina! From the south, as with unerring skill they keep the track of Chewacla!

What can the fated lovers do? There is no avenue of escape. East and west, the divided mountain interposes an insuperable barrier; north and south, pitiless pursuers closing in upon them. What can they do but die together!

Forth from the warrior's belt flashed a keen blade. The eyes of both were upon it.

Alas! and has it come to this, that fond heart must be pierced by this brave hand!

Yes; be it so. She instantly perceives her lover's purpose. There is consent in her eyes. 'T were better to die together than to live apart.

One last, loving embrace. One farewell look into each other's eyes—up to the blue vault of heaven—around upon the flower-decked, sunlit earth, smiling in mockery of human misery! One glance of reproach upon the grim giant of rock and earth that barred the western way, and—

The breast was bared to receive the blow, but it fell not. The uplifted hand stood motionless in the air. The earth trembled beneath the feet of the lovers as the mountain was riven from end to end.

Quick! Quick! Chewacia. Let fear drive the spurs and hope lend wings to thy feet.

Away! Away! to the hospitable land of the Alabama.

Vain—aye, worse than vain is all pursuit.

A great medicine man of the Creek tribe, hearing the story of the lovers, caused streams to flow in their trail to perpetuate the memory of their devotion. And that the spot might be sacred to lovers forever, he cast a charm upon it, so that those who plight their faith should be predestined to realize their fondest hopes.



Beside Chewacla's picturesque falls, which were once called the "falls at Wright's Mill" by old

graduates, five students frolic on wet, slippery stones, as ageless and perpetual as Auburn's spirit.

Auburn-Bama Handshake

WHEN YOU hear such sounds as "Yea, Auburn!" and "Hoorah for 'Bama" issuing from Auburn's Mell Street Cafeteria, something is either wrong or vastly



Auburn Coach Earl Brown reaches over to right the API upside-down ball, held by Alabama's Coach Red Drew. Auburn's Wilbur Hutsell is looking on.



Chatting about the Auburn-Bama game are Harry M. Davis, API, Hugh Comer, and Charles Bernier.

right. Everything was vastly right on May 24, when Auburnites and representatives from the University of Alabama held a get-together to celebrate the resumption of athletic activities between API and the University. The meeting was sponsored by the Auburn Kiwanis Club and its president, Roland "Chief" Shine.

Brief talks were made by Acting President Ralph Draughon, '22, of API, and by President John M. Gallalee, of the University. President Draughon gave much credit for the resumption of athletics to Dr. Gallalee. More speeches were made by Coaches Earl Brown of Auburn, Red Drew of Alabama, and Dr. A. B. Moore, '11, of Alabama.

Auburn's delegates to the good-will dinner, other than President Draughon, were Sheldon Toomer, '93, a member of Auburn's Board of Trustees; Dean Roger Allen, '18, Faculty Chairman of Athletics; Coach Wilbur Hutsell; Jeff Beard, '32. business manager of the Athletic Association; and Harry M. Davis, '32, Executive Secretary of the Auburn Alumni Association.

Delegates from the University, other than Dr. Gallalee and Dr. Moore, were Hugh Comer, President of the Alabama Alumni Association; Jeff Coleman, business manager of athletics at Alabama; and Charles Bernier, Secretary of the Alabama Alumni Association.

Also present as student representatives were Jimmy Coleman, '49, Editor of the Auburn Plainsman, and Miss Cheri Chandler, editor of Alabama's student newspaper.

When the gathering was preparing to leave, it sang the following song:

"We've been working on some football Nigh on forty years We've been working on some football Mid joys and smiles and tears Can't you hear the whistle blowing Come boys, shout the cry Hurray, Hurray for Alabama And good old API."

Because of their fine spirit shown in bringing API and the University of Alabama together, the Alumnews salutes Acting President Ralph B. Draughon and President John Gallalee.



Speakers at the Auburn-Alabama get-together were (front row, l. to r.) Acting President Ralph Draughon of API, President John Gallalee of the University, Roland Shine, President of the Auburn Kiwanis

Club, and Coach Wilbur Hutsell, Director of API Athletics. In the back row are Dr. A. B. Mcore, of the University, Dean Roger Allen, API, Jeff Coleman, and Coaches Red Drew and Earl Brown.



Bob Hurston, leader of the Auburn Knights, stands beside Martha Lambert, who does all the vocalizing.

The Auburn

Knights

THE AUBURN Knights, organized at API in 1928, has long been one of the outstanding college bands in the country. Since that time, the dance music of America has grown and changed. So have the Knights changed. Their band has the accessories to carry it to the north pole heights of this musically sophisticated world.

This year, the band has 17 members, all of whom are college students here at Auburn. The members represent a cross-section of all the students—there are members from all over Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, who are enrolled in courses from electrical engineering through business administration, and from music through agricultural engineering.

Take R. D. Browning, for instance. He's a student in electical engineering, and that boy really keeps the bolts in his saxophone oiled. And Rudy Blackmarr, who's taking industrial management, is able to manage his trumpet like an old hand.

As well as playing here on the campus, the Knights have given out with hot notes at many other colleges throughout the South and at many small towns, which demand that the music they get be mellow, lazy as a midsummer night's moon. Always the band is hot, wherever or for whomever it plays. Explaining this popularity, Bob Hurtson, leader of the Knights, pointed out that the band plays a little music for everyone. Along with the tunes that the public asks for, the Knights throw in a few dishes which they think the public should hear.

Their music ranges from simple tunes like "Sewanee River" up through the most progressive blasts of Stan Kenton. The five trumpets can play as softly as a church organ or as loudly as a factory whistle. Music by the Knights must be danced or listened to. It cannot be ignored.

Up on the stage where the band sits, there are Graham Thomas, R. D. Browning, Walter Howell, Bob Moss, and Bill Calloway who produce shrill or mellow music from saxes; Gene Mullins, Vic Atkins, and Don Irvine, who rest their chins on their necks and give with the trombones; Rudy Blackmarr, Mal Pierce, Paul Irvine, and Jimmy Taylor, who make their trumpets do figure 8's; and Pete Petrey, Bob Richardson, and Doug Stevens, all rhythm boys. Lovely and lively Martha Lambert rolls her sparkling eyes and sings smoothly, efficiently. Last-mentioned here, but most essential in the band's make-up, is Bob Hurston, leader and trumpet-player.

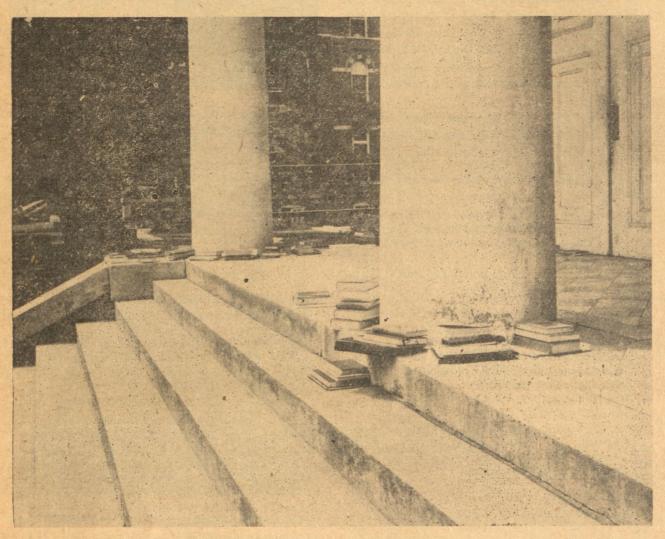
If you want more information regarding this upto-the-minute band, just write to: The Auburn Knights, Box 1024, Auburn, Alabama.

NEXT OCTOBER 2 will be Homecoming Day. Make your plans now to return to Auburn and to see the many changes which are taking place on the campus.



Written By Leonard J. Hooper

Langdon Hall:



Auburn students leave their textbooks around the columns on Langdon's front portico while they take

examinations behind the tall, white doors. Off to the left in the rear, Samford Hall can be seen.



Much has happened on the stage in Langdon, Here the Auburn Players present a Czechoslovakian dra-

matic production entitled: "Adam the Creator." Concerts and lectures are still given in Old Langdon.

Sixty-five-year-old Langdon Hall Still Holds Its Head High As More Modern Buildings Spring Up on the Campus

AUBURN'S FAVORITE classroom building, old Langdon Hall, was named for Colonel Charles Langdon, a Mobile mayor of the last century. Col. Langdon, onetime Alabama secretary of state, was also a three-term member of the state legislature, editor of the old "Mobile Advertiser" newspaper, and a trustee of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Auburn.

Through the years thousands of Auburn students have gathered in Langdon Hall for their classtime, playtime, and "in-between-time" activities. For Auburn's long-skirted freshman coeds of 1948 and their escorts in bright orange "rat caps", it's milk-shakes and jitterbugging to a jukebox tune at Langdon Hall's ground-floor Student Center. Only a generation ago. grave young misses in middy blouses and high-top shoes used to meet in this same room for classes in the intricacies of cooking, dressmakign, and the housewife's other arts.

Scores of new classroom buildings and recreation centers may appear on the oak-covered campus, but this sixty-five-year-old favorite still gets the nod as an assembly hall, because of its proximity to the center of things and its time-honored atmosphere. For the occasion of the first operatic production staged by Auburn's fast-growing music department last spring, the actors and singers presented "La Traviata" from the stage of Langdon Hall, to capacity crowds of their fellow students and faculty members. Concert and lecture attractions "from out-oftown" have always drawn big audiences at Langdon Hall. Oldtime Auburnites tell the story about turnof-the-century ROTC cadets who had to attend these performances in drill formation. Once a cadet officer who was not a music-lover marched his men into the hall as per instructions, but for lack of further orders, he also marched the men straight through and back outside, where he dismissed them.

The school which today is universally known as Auburn and is officially known as the Alabama Polytechnic Institute is the successor to the East Alabama Male College (1859,-1862; 1866-1872). In its earliest days the college was housed in a "Main Building" which is known today as Samford Hall, the oldest building on the Auburn campus. This Methodist established college had to close its doors between the years of 1862 and 1866 because of the exigencies of war. During these years all the large buildings in Auburn were used as hospitals for Confederate soldiers.

Under great hardships the college reopened in 1866 and almost immediately plans were made to donate the school's facilities to the state for use as a state land-grant college. These plans were concluded and in 1872 the East Alabama Male College of the Methodist Conference of Alabama became the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama.

Before long the spacious "Main Building" was outgrown by the young college, and in 1883, an appropriation by the state legislature included funds for the erection of Langdon Hall on the campus at Auburn. Plans for the new auditorium were drawn by W. D. Wood, an alumnus of the class of '81. A frame building located across Magnolia Street from the Methodist Church of Auburn was torn down and rebuilt on the campus near the "Main Building". This rebuilt structure had been used as an auditorium by the Female College of Auburn.

The "Main Building" burned in 1887, and classes were conducted in temporary buildings, mainly in Langdon Hall. When Samford Hall was rebuilt, it was in the architectural style of the time, which was known as Italian Renaissance. In 1892 Langdon Hall acquired a nine-inch brick veneer exterior and a Greek-style portico. At this time the upper floor of Langdon was used as an auditorium and the ground floor held the engineering departments, which were among the first in the South. In the interim between

Its History

the burning of the old main building and the erection of the new building, Langdon Hall housed the college. The "Auburn Alumnus," alumni publication, tells of collegiate high-jinks during this period:

"An unsuccessful petiton by the members of the class of '91 to get Langdon Hall painted suggested to the dignified seniors the alternative of daubing the building with splotches of paint taken from the home of General Lane, a short time before Commencement. The thought was to force the authorities to "dress it up" for the important occasion.

"An enterprising senior climbed to the front gable and in large letters painted the word PANTE across the space. This humiliating evidence of lack of scholarship of one of the members of the class was allowed to remain to greet the eyes of students and visitors through the commencement season." ("Auburn Alumnus," for September, 1932).

As Auburn's facilities for instruction in the field of engineering expanded, they grew too large for their Langdon Hall ground-floor quarters. The provisions of the Morrill Land-Grant Act, appropriations by the Alabama legislature, and endowments by private citizens provided for the construction of many new buildings on the Auburn campus. In 1899, the legislature approved changing the name to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, which is the school's present official title.

After 1921, when Auburn's first electric dynamo and light plant were moved out of the ground floor area of Langdon, the home economics department used the space for classrooms until 1923, when it was taken over by the YMCA. In 1933, the basement was remodeled for a student's activity hall and YMCA assembly hall. Since the cessation of collegiate YMCA activities, the lower floor has been used by students as a lounge and recreation hall.

Langdon Hall has been used longer as a classroom than has any other building on the campus. 1947's Auburn students, who gathered in the lecture hall every day between the hours of eight and four, attended classes in such subjects as psychology, which was not even heard of in Grandfather's day. This venerable old building is a fitting headquarters for the legendary "Auburn Spirit". Annual meetings of the alumni association are held inside its portrait-lined walls, as are afternoon rehearsals of the Auburn Band, longtime Southern musical favorite. In a tiny loft above the auditorium the hand instruments are

loft above the auditorium the band instruments are stored, and the honored position here is occupied by "Jenny Lind," a little old much-handled horn on which Auburn Bandsmen for many years have learned the fundamentals of music.

During football season students rally 'round one evening each week just before the big game for a special display of "that Auburn Spirit." The traditional meeting place is Langdon Hall, where the band members get itnto formation and accompany the cheerleaders and other students for a parade through Auburn and out to the stadium.

For years on end the auditorium has been used by the Auburn Players, student thespian group, for the staging of their dramatic productions, and also for the hiliarious annual Skit Nights, featuring fraternity and sorority amatuer talent. The end of World War II brought to Auburn the fourth group of returned Veteran students in the school's history, and this group formed the Auburn Veterans Association, a local organization. The AVA has staged variety shows in Langdon for the benefit of such causes as the Red Cross, and among its activities have been efforts along the lines of stressing national citizenship and participation in UN, the world governmental organization. At Alabama's last election, the AVA played an integral part in helping "turn out the vote" around Auburn.

In these crowded-college years, many students commute to school in car pools and chartered buses. During the day, a good part of these students make their headquarters in Student Center, campus rendezvous point, where they may play cards, catch last-minute glances at their books before classtime, read newspapers, or nap in comfortable chairs. Home Economics students hold forth in a slightly different



Here is Langdon Hall under the setting sun. Sixty-five-year-old Langdon got its Greek facade in '92.

sort of laboratory than did those of twenty-odd years ago—today's young ladies get practical experience in food handling by operating a snack bar which boasts a brand-new soda fountain.

Immediately under the wide concrete steps there is an inconspicuous little cubby-hole which houses the activities of the campus photographers, who furnish the informal and landscape pictures for Auburn's needs. The steps of Langdon Hall, located as they are at the crossroads of the campus, are a favorite place to sit and observe the passing scene.

"If all the watercolor, charcoal, pencil lead, and oil paint which Auburn art students have used to portray Langdon Hall," say cynical observers, without originally, "were daubed on the walls of the building it would surely be a mess!" The picturesque old structure has long been a favorite subject for campus landscapists. A watercolor portrait of Langdon by Professor Roy H. Staples, of Auburn's art department, graced the Glomerata cover one year, and successive years see ambitious art students hard at work, sitting under the tall oak trees, while the docile native squirrels race around them.

Symphony orchestra concerts, recitals by music students, cantatas and orations sung by choirs of students, instructors, and townspeople, and rehearsals of countless little jazz music groups—all these have their hours on the stage at Langdon. During the summer months, Auburn's churches hold Sunday night union services in the Graves Center natural amphitheatre, but on rainy Sunday evenings, these services move to Langdon Hall.

So it is that each year successive groups of young freshmen are oriented to the campus by having Langdon Hall, sixty-five years young, pointed out to them as an Auburn landmark of major importance.



The Author

Hooper

LEONARD HOOPER (above), the author of this interesting history of Auburn's famous landmark Langdon Hall, hails from Bay Minette, Alabama. Lecnard has been interested in journalism since his high school days, and the B.S. which he will get from Auburn next August will have an English-Jouralism major engraved upon it. Leonard served for three years in the Army during World War II, one and one half years of which time were spent in Germany. Right now, he's on the staffs of the Plainsman, the Glomerata, and Auburn's handbook, to be published in the fall. After he graduates Leonard plans to go into the advertising phase of magazine work.

Alumna of the Month

(Cotinued from page three)

say: "Those are some little paintings which I did in my spare time."

Then you will rise from your seat, and you will look upon those "little paintings." You will discover that they are masterpieces. There are framed water colors and oils of young men yelling "Geronimo" as they leap from planes high in the sky, and as their parachutes open; there are quieter drawings of old, down-to-earth cane mills and exquisite flowers.

Other items in Miss Robinson's home will catch your attention: the antique furniture, now almost priceless, small vases, curtains which your hostess laced herself. Your eyes will fall upon a small jewel case which watches you from the mantel. Pick it up, but handle it gently. That jewel case was given your hostess by her first sweetheart long years ago.

And, as you look, Miss Robinson will be telling you Auburn stories about Professor Smith or Professor B. B. Ross. "Once Dr. Ross went to Germany to study," she will say, "and he didn't take his diploma or his credentials along with him. When he arrived at the University there, someone asked him if he had his credentials with him.

"'No,' "Dr. Ross replied." 'I didn't bring them with me.' "

"'Then you will have to take an examination on this book,' " the German said.

"'Well, I reckon I can take the examination," "Dr. Ross replied.

"You see," Miss Robinson ends the story, "Dr. Ross had written the book!"

She will go on to tell you: "When I graduated, J. L. M. Curry made the address, the Governor presented the diplomas, and a band from Columbus, Ga., made the music. We did not wear caps and gowns, but the girls wore lovely white dresses, and the boys wore uniforms. Commencement was really a dignified occasion. Of course, we had dances then, just as you do now, but the dress had to be formal. I remember thinking, at graduation, that Kate Lane was the prettiest girl I ever saw."

In her youth Miss Robinson had auburn hair and grey eyes, and she weighed about 110 pounds. If ny were her chances to marry, but she has devoted her entire life to the teaching profession; more than 20,000 students have been under her guiding hand. Today, Miss Robinson has gray hair, and she stands about five feet, seven inches tall, with high heels on. Her shoulders are not at all stooped, but as erect as they were 45 years ago. Mary Evelyn Robinson is still young, in spirit and body, and the world is her workroom.

The Unbeatable Gentleman

(Continued from page four) he found that his family had paid off the last of the farm's indebtedness.

Besides enjoying his weekly trips to Chicago and making many new friends, Ed has walked off with quite a group of prizes. The list includes enough paint and base coat for his entire house and barn, washing machine, \$500 diamond ring, strand of pearls, forty pairs of overalls and work shirts, radio phonograph combination, two sets of kitchenware, vacuum cleaner, refrigerator, five-year supply of sheets and pillow cases, and a big power lawn mower with sulky attachment. The total cash value of these prizes is approximately \$3500.

(Note: Ed won on April 22, and beat Tennessee group April 29.)

On Thursday night, April 22, Ed tried for his fifth consecutive win as Master Farmer. He faced contestants from Pennsylvania—and won again. He says he doesn't care when he loses on the program, now that he has broken old records, but he doesn't feel he should lose to a Northerner. Again, on April 29. Ed beat a Tennessee group, and last reports to The Alumnews showed that he was still going strong.

Ed had won on "R.F.D. America," by May 6, the following articles:

36 cans of house and barn paint

A washing machine

A \$500 diamond ring

A cultured pearl necklace

A Sparian radio-phonograph

3 sets of Club Aluminum

3 vacuum cleaners

A Servel refrigerator

A 10-year supply of sheets and pillow cases

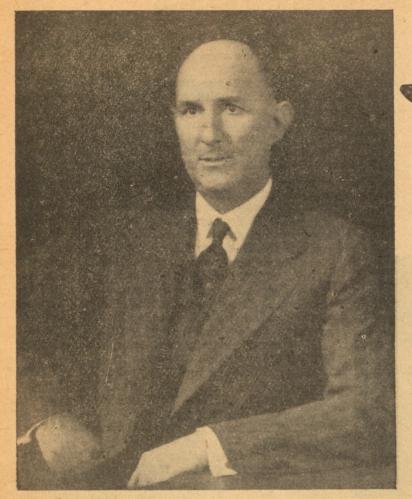
A power lawn mower

A year's supply of nylons

A Harder home freeze unit

An ironer
A 30-year supply of overalls

Reports from the office of Auburn Publicity Director L. O. Brackeen show that Ed Bottcher has been made Master of Ceremonies for "R.F.D. America," replacing former Emcee Joe Kelly, Ed will fly from his farm in Hanceville, Ala., to Chicago, work for three days on the week's program, and then return to his home. Congratulations, Ed!—The Editor.



Alumnus R. B. McWhorter, of Washington, D. C., an engineer and public official, received his degree from Auburn in 1909.

Another Auburn Engineer

Succeeds In His Career

IN Washignton, D.C. lives an alumnus of Auburn's Engineering School, who has for the past forty years had a major hand in the construction of several of America's largest projects. He is Roger B. McWhorter, '09, engineer and public official, who was born at Riverton, Colbert County, Alabama, and who obtained his B.S. degree from Auburn in Civil Engineering and an additional professional C.E. degree in 1913.

Even while attending college, Mr. McWhorter began his post-graduate career as an engineering aide on construction of the Colbert Shoals Canal, on the Tennessee River.

After graduation, this engineering alumnus used his education and his ingenuity to play a hand in the building of Hales Bar Dam, the first dam to be constructed on the Tennessee River. For two years after the final bit of concrete had been fashioned at Hales Bar, McWhorter made surveys and conducted field investigations along the Tennessee as far south as Florence, Ala., with a view to improvements of that river for navigation and power development.

Having been long recognized as one of the leading young engineers in the South, Mr. McWhorter in 1915-16, was placed in charge of a survey of the Muscle Shoals and Elk River sections of the Tennessee. He collaborated on designs and preparations of plans for dams, navigation locks, and hydroelectric plants at the Wilson and Wheeler Sites.

In 1916, the populace of the Miami River Valley in Ohio was searching for engineers to devise some means of controlling the floods prevalent in their area. They contacted the young Auburn graduate and gave him the position of Assistant Engineer, and later Division Engineer, Miami Conservancy District, in Ohio. His job included planning and constructing flood control works in the Miami River valley, to prevent recurrence of disastrous floods like that of March, 1913. A singular thing about this project: its entire cost, almost \$35,000,000, was borne by the people and business interests benefited in the Miami

During the following 25 years, Mr. McWhorter aided in the development of some of America's mightiest power installations. His achievements include help as general superintendent with the construction of Muscle Shoals; aid with the spillways and floodways along the Mississippi River between the mouth of the Red River and New Orleans; and the preparing of plans in connection with the St. Lawrence River navigation and power project.

A majority of these works have been under the supervision of Mr. McWhorter himself, and they stand today as mighty mounments to his industry.

Between 1942 and 1946, Mr. McWhorter was a member of an international committee of engineers responsible for the construction of a submerged weir in the Niagara River above Niagara Falls, the purpose of which project was to raise the Chippewa-Grass Island Pool about one foot. Thus a better distribution of flow over the Falls was provided greatly enhancing the beauty of the American Falls.

For the past 17 years Mr. McWhorter has been an expert witness for the U.S. Government in many cases involving engineering principles, both before the courts and in Federal Power Commission hearings. During the past nine years he has been a member of the International Joint Commission, U.S. and Canada.

Furthermore, he is a member of the American Society of Military Engineers, and the Washington Engineering Society; and holds a lieutenant colonelcy in the Reserve Corps of Engineers.

During the past 38 years, Mr. McWhorter's professional work has taken him into every state in the Union and into all parts of the Canadian Provinces except two, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Mumnalities

1887

H. Clay Armstrong, who received his B.S. degree in civil engineering, now lives down Florida way. Mr. Armstrong's address is here given for those members of his class who may wish to get in touch with him: 1012 N. Palafox St., Pensacola, Fla.

1891

The Alumni Association thanks William Augustus Harvey, whose life was recently featured in the Alumnews, for being so gracious to the Alumnews reporter. Mr. Harvey and his lovely wife will always hold a dear place in all the hearts of the Association.

1894

We were deighted to hear from William W. Moore, of Blount Springs, Ala., several weeks ago. Mr. Moore's father, W. W. Moore, graduated from Auburn in 1869, one of a twomember graduating class. The other member of the '69 graduating class was W. J. Pattillo. Not only was Mr. Moore's father an Auburn graduate; his son, W. W., was in the class of '26. W. W. received his sheepskin only one year after Carl Pattillo, '25, graduated. Carl was the grandson of W. J. Pattillo, '69, and the son of Marvin Pattillo, who graduated only one year before Mr. Moore himself got his diploma. Confusing? Count 'em up, and you'll have members of these two families receiving their BS's from API almost in unison. But wait, now! When W. W. Moore IV enters Auburn next September, the Moore's will be one up on the Pattillos. W. W. Moore IV is now on the USS Iowa, doing practical work in the naval radar-electronics. W. W. Moore, III, is a Commander in the USN-CEC, and he is at present stationed at Guam.

1897

Harry Herzfeld, an Auburn Alumnus of the Month and Alexander City, Ala., banker and financier, recently presented a plaque to the infirmary at his alma mater. With the plaque he contributed several thousand dollars for the infirmary. The plaque, in memory of Mr. Herzfeld's father, will designate a ward of the Infirmary as the Reuben Herzfeld Ward.

R. D. Webb is a member of the Department of English at the University of Tampa, Tampa, Fla. We are glad that you enjoy the Alumnews, Mr. Webb, and hope that it will continue to bring to you and all the other alumni a moment of pleasure in which old classmates and old times may be remembered.

1898

Mrs. G. W. L. Smith, who obtained her B.S. degree in the School of Science and Literature, now resides in Brewton, Ala. Mrs. Smith is the former Jessie Hamilton Lockhart.

1899

Mrs. I. W. Chalker, the former Hattie Phelps, has her residence in Citronelle, Ala. Mrs. Chalker graduated from the School of Science and Literature.

1901

The Alumnews recently brought together two alumni who had not seen each other for 30 years. W. J. Cameron read an article about Ed Bukofzer, '00, in the Alumnews, and on his next trip to New York City, he was able to contact Mr. Bukofzer. Mr. Cameron is connected with the H. I. Thompson Company, of Los Angeles, Calif.

1903

We were more than happy to hear from Percy Marshall in April. Mr. Marshall retired on February 15, 1948, after 43 years and two months with the Western Electric Company. He imediately came back South to his old home town, Rome, Ga.

Charles E. Jackson, of Huntsville, Ala., still remembers staunch Auburn presidents Broun, Smith, and Thach. Mr. Jackson studied electrical and mechanical engineering here.

By the time this issue comes off the press, George W. Snedecor will have left the Auburn campus for parts unknown. But we wish to congratulate him on the fine work he has been doing in statistical work for API during the last two months. Mr. Snedecor is one of the best statistians in the United States. Auburn is proud to have such an alumnus.

1905

Dr. E. V. Caldwell may be reached at the State Park Building in Huntsville, Ala., where he practices medicine.

1907

Mrs. C. F. Hamff, wife of the veteran language professor at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., is the daughter of William A. Harvey, one of API's oldest and most illustrious alumni

Thomas W. Lloyd now resides in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Lloyd studied special mining engineering at API.

1908

G. C. Walker, attorney-atlaw in Clanton, Ala., attributes much of his success to his Auburn professors, important among whom was Dr. Arthur Dunstan. Dr. Dunstan, '99, is now head of the electrical engineering department at API.

Carl Barker is with the Shell Oil Company, Inc., with his offices in New York City.

1909

Ben Harris, associate professor of Trade Industrial Education at the University of Alabama, recently spoke on "Better Understanding" at the

regular monthly meeting of the Sidney Lanier Parent-Teachers Association, in Montgomery, Ala. Mr. Harris is supervisor of the University fireman and policeman training throughout the state.

W. A. Redd. an active Orlando alumnus, came by the alumni offices in April. Mr. Redd resides in Mount Dora,

Harry J. Chatterton, who graduated in agricultural education, is now living in LaFayette, La.

1911

W. F. Deaderick has been with the Wind Rock Coal and Coke Co., at Wind, Rock, Tenn., for 36 years, ever since his graduation in electrical engineering in 1912.

W. R. Harvey resides in Salisbury, Md. We are always happy to hear from you, Mr. Harvey.

Dr. W. M. Hobdy. who obtained his D.V.M. at API, now practices veterinary medicine in Fort Worth, Texas.

Miss Evans Harrell has retired from the Florida public school system and is now living at her old home place, in West Point, Ga.

1912

J. E. "Boozer" Pitts made an excellent speech in April to Auburn's Civitan Club on "A Mud Cat in the Stream of Life." Mr. Pitts resides in Auburn, and is a professor of mathematics. He recently edited the column "Do You Remember" for the Alumnews.

Herbert Clayton, who received his degree in pharmacy, resides in Pensacola, Fla.

Thomas W. Taunton is connected with the Whaley Lumber Co., in Troy, Ala.

1913

Colonel Joseph R. Bibb has retired from the U.S. Army, and has his residence in Selma,

F. T. Ambrose, a civil engineering graduate, is now living in Huntington, W. Va.

And over in Fitzgerald, Ga., is another alumnus who majored in civil engineering: Henry G. Smith.

1914

Several weeks ago Frank Boyd addressed the Auburn Kiwanis, employing as his subject, "Kiwanis Education."

Dr. J. D. Wilbanks has his veterinary medicine offices in Tampa, Fla.

Seventy-five hundred people were served at a recent fish fry sponsored by the Birmingham Zamora Temple, and under the direction of Guy M. Spearman. This is believed to be the largest fish fry ever held in the United States. Mr. Spearman, of Pensacola, Fla, was featured in the May Alumnews as a member of the Alumni Adsociation's Executive Committee.

Joseph H. McCombs is Regional Head of the Management Division, Rural Electrification Administration, in

Washington, D.C. Mr. Mc-Combs married the former Elizabeth Burnham Woods and has three daughters, two of whom are married

1915

Professor Cleveland G. Sharpe, who received both his B.S. and M.S. degrees at API, is situated at Montevallo, Ala.

Homer H. B. Mask is now up in Columbia, S.C. Mr. Mask received his Auburn sheepskin in agriculture.

1916

The following item was pilfered from Atticus Mullin's column in The Montgomery Advertiser:

"P. O. Davis, of Auburn, is inimitable and in class by himself when it comes to witty stories. Fortunately, P. O. does not indulge in wobbly or vulgar stories. The other day he furnished this column with a couplet, or whatever it might be called, which really makes sense. At least it does to all of us who have had sons and daughters in college and who have received those inevitable request letters.

"One student put his needs in a couplet which his father received through the mail and which read as follows:

Workers earn it,
Spendthrifts spend it,
Bankers lend it,
Women spend it,
Forgers fake it,
Taxes take it,
Dying leave it,
Heirs receive it,
Thrifty save it,
Misers crave it,
Robbers seize it,
Rich increase it,
Gamblers lose it,
I COULD USE IT!!"

David M. Dowdell, of Port Gibson, Miss., is an active alumnus and a member of the Missisippi Auburn Club. Auburn has two alumni named David M. Dowdell. The other is a member of the class of '21, and lives in Gainesville,

Sam N. Crosby is president of the Bank of Ozark, Ala., which has assets of more than \$4,000,000. Mr. Crosby graduated in agriculture and was county agent in Dale County for a number of years. In addition to holding the presidency of the Bank of Ozark,

Mr. Crosby is now engaged in wholesale gas distribution and out-door advertising.

Sam A. Wingard is head of the Department of Plant Pathology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.

T. W. Clift is now Assistant Superintendent and in charge of business affairs of the Atlanta, Ga., public school system. After one year's graduate work in chemistry, Mr. Clift went to Atlanta and taught cehmistry and other science courses at the Technological High School for 11 years. During this time he continued his graduate studies at Georgia Tech, Emory University, and Columbia University. He returned to Auburn in 1926 to obtain his master's degree in chemistry. From 1928 to 1931 he was principal of the Atlanta Opportunity School and director of Adult Education for the school department. In 1931, he was elected to his present position.

1917

Mrs. L. T. Smith, Jr., the former Auralee Edwards, resides in Pensacola, Fla.

Colonel William L. Blanton, of the U.S. Army, has changed his residence to Tampa, Fla.

We heard from two electrical engineering graduates of the class of '17 during this past month: Harry Gordon Farris, of Montgomery, Ala., and E. B. Henry, of Pensacola, Fla.

1918

M. H. "Hungry" Floyd is plant manager of the Alpha Portland Cement Company, in Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Floyd recently had an article published in The National Safety Magazine. Mr. Floyd is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and received his nickname, "Hungry" while playing on the basketball teams of '16, '17, and '18.

W. H. Withington, who graduated in electrical engineering, now resides in New York City.

1919

Alex B. Hanson has changed his address from Concordia, Kansas, to Douglas, Ga.

J. Carroll Hay, who took the

general course at API, now lives in Huntsville, Ala.

1920

Two alumni who received their diplomas in the general course are Harold Walker, of Birmingham, Ala., and Dr. J. N. McLane, of Pensacola, Fla. I. B. Gunter, who majored in chemical engineering, now resides in Birmingham, Ala.

1921

F. I. Jeffrey, who obtained his degree in entomology, is now situated in Alice, Tex.

1922

Dr. Marcus C. Hunt is practicing medicine in Fairfax,

Howard Hill has traveled all the way out to Pacoima, Calif. where he now has his residence. Mr. Hill writes the alumni office that he has never "seen a school with the true college spirit of Auburn."

1923

John W. Pate. Secretary of the Auburn Club of DeKalb County, Ala., is doing an excellent job in alumni work. Congratulations, Mr. Pate.

C. F. Moore is connected with the Florida Power Corporation, at Eustis, Fla.

J. Harold Murphree, of Troy, Ala., is owner and manager of the Troy Motor Company, Ford dealers. Mr. Murphree is married and has one daughter, age 20.

Mrs. Roy Moncus, of Birmingham, Ala., the former Gladys McCain, is with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Division of Human Nutrition, in Birmingham. Mrs. Moncus has three children: two boys and one girl.

George R. Purifoy has changed his mailing address to: 715 Cascade Road, Pittsburgh, Pa.

1924

Thanks to Percy H. Howard, of Eustis, Fla., for his kind letters of encouragement to the Association.

Two Walkers, father and son, of Miami, Fla., are now alumni of API. O. B. Walker,

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Retired Marine Corps General Holland M. Smith, '01, shown above at the 1946 Homecoming with the late Dr. Duncan, was named top Smith of 1948 by the Organized Smiths of America. General Smith was chosen for patriotism and leadership.



O. W. Bynum has been appointed General Sales Manager of Carrier Corporation, manufacturers of air conditioning, refrigeration, and industrial heating equipment. A graduate of 1930, Mr. Bynum has been with the Carrier Corporation since that year.

Under Leadership Of T. D. Stevens, Auburn Foresters Have Great Plans

Forestry Department Rejuvenated



Auburn's new Forestry Building, shown above, houses over ten laboratories, 14 offices, and numerous other rooms.

WITH AN anticipated enrollment of almost 275 students next fall, augmented by a freshman class of from 50 to 75 students, API's Forestry Department has made great plans.

Already, it has erected a modern building which will house over ten lab rooms, 14 offices, a drafting room, and two classrooms. Aided in part by the U. S. Southern Forest Experiment Station in New Orleans, the department has increased its working staff to a total of 12 members.

A summer camp, to which all forestry students will be required to go at the end of their sophomore year, has been constructed at Uriah, Alabama, in the southern portion of Monroe County.

The Auburn Forestry Department first became separated from the Department of Horticulture and Forestry in July, 1947. Its purpose, as defined by Professor T. D. Stevens, Department Head, is: "To train men to manage the wild lands and to convert wood cellulose into useful articles."

When the Society of American Foresters re-rates college forestry schools and departments in 1950, Auburn's department, because of its recent innovations, hopes to be way up the list. Until then, it will keep its fingers crossed and



T. D. Stevens heads Auburn's modern Forestry Department.

strive for perfection.

The Head of the Forestry Department, Professor T. D. Stevens, is a genial person with an ultimate aim of attaining perfection in the Auburn Forestry curriculum. Professor Stevens is a graduate of the University of Montana. He has done graduate work at Yale; and he has taught at Michigan State College and at Colorado State.



Dr. Ralph Williams (above), Chief of Medical Services, U. S. Public Health Service, has been promoted to major general.

Member of Public Health Service Is Promoted To Major General

IT'S NOW Major General Ralph Chester Williams. The promotion of chiefs of bureaus of the Public Health Service to the grade of major general was recently authorized by an Act of Congress. Assistant Surgeon General Ralph C. Williams, '07, Chief of the Bureau of Medical Services, was one of the recipients of this honor.

A native of Russell County, Alabama, Doctor Williams received his B. S. from API and his medical degree from the University of Alabama, in 1910. For three years he was engaged in the private practice of medicine in Alabama, and for the following three years he was with the Alabama State Health Department, as field director of sanitation.

Since 1917, he has been a commissioned officer in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service. During the last 31 years, he has had a variety of assignments, including rural sanitation, mine sanitation, epidemic duty against bubonic plague both in the United States and in Mexico, and industrial hygeine studies. For approximately nine years he was editor of the Public Health Reports. From 1936 until 1942, he was assigned as chief medical officer of the Farm Security Administration.

From 1942 until 1944, he was director of Public Health Service District No. 1, which included ten states from Delaware through Maine, with headquarters in New York City.

Dr. Williams represented the United States at the International Congress of Medicine and Pharmacy at the Hague in 1931. He has served as president of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States and was at one time national president of Theta Kappa Psi, medical fraternity.

He compiled the Health Almanac for 1919 and 1920, and was also compiler of the Miner's Health and Safety Almanac for 1920, 1921, and 1922.

In 1913, Dr. Williams married Annie W. Perry, of Buford, Ga. They have one son, Ralph Chester.

The Bureau of Medical Services, which Major General Williams has headed since December of 1943, has administrative supervision of the hospital activities, maritime and air quarantine, the medical aspects of immigration, two special hospitals for the treatment of mental cases and drug addicts, the recently authorized national mental health program, and also the Federal employee health program now in the process of develop-

Furthermore, the professional and technical personnel assigned to the various other governmental agencies, such as the Bureau of Prisons, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Bureau of Employees Compensation, the Maritime Service, and the Coast Guard, are under the direction of that Bureau.

Alumnalities

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'24, is with the Biscayne Engineer Co., and O. B. Walker, Jr., finished at Auburn last March.

Julian Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brown, of Auburn, now resides in Montgomery. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brown have sent each of their three sons to API: Otto, '14; Lyle, '20; and Julian.

W. H. Bostwick has changed his address from Guin, Ala., to Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Warner Blakely, the former Marie Stewart, now lives in Lanett, Ala.

Thanks to George W. Phillips for his interest in the Alumni Association.

1925

James W. Pippin is connected with the Jackson Securities and Investment Company, in Birmingham, Ala.

Edward M. Harkins, who received his diploma from API in civil engineering, is with the U.S. Forest Service, in Hot Springs, Fla.

1926

J. H. Johnson is with the Johnson-Pate Company, in Talladega, Ala.

Robert Y. Brown has wandered over the Pacific to Manila, where he is connected with the American Embassy.

Spencer C. Johnson, who received his degree in mechanical engineering, lives in Pensacola, Fla.

1927

Raymond Turner, who earned a letter in football at API, and who was a member of the "A" Club and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity while here, is teaching science and driver training at the Sulligent, Ala., High School. Since his graduation, Mr. Turner has held coaching positions at Kennedy High School (Lamar County); Altoona High (Etowah County); and Marion County High.

F. E. Bertram has changed his address from Vinegar Bend, Ala., to Prattville, Ala.

J. J. Butler now resides in Dallas, Tex.

Congratulations from the Auburn Alumni Association to Louis O. Brackeen, who has been appointed Auburn Publicity Director. Mr. Brackeen has been in journalistic and public relations work for many years, and he was formerly Extension Editor here.

1928

Harris Winston has changed his address from Washington, D. C., to Stuart, Fla.

E. H. Driver, who graudated in chemistry and metallurgy, may now be contacted at Thomasville, Ga.

Mrs A. L. Wiginton's address is now Gordo, Ala.

1929

Charles A. Burnett, who obtained his B. S. in architectural engineering, now lives

T. N. Boone, a mechanical engineering graduate, also has his residence in Birmingham.

Congratulations to John Parrish, who has been named dairyman of the Alabama Extension Service.

Major Earle R. Smith is still in the U.S. Air Force. His home address is in Selma, Ala.

John L. Wilson is an associate as a tax consultant with the Satterlee, Morris, Nesbit, Sher, & Lisenby Firm in Washington, D. C.

1930

Mrs. Benton Williamson, the former Mildred Lee Sanders, resides in LaFavette. Ala.

Another alumna of the class of '30 who has her residence in LaFayette is Mrs. Laurence H. Smith, the former Mary Pope Sanders

Mrs. Roy T. Alverson teaches home economics in the Bibb County High School, of which her husband is principal. Mrs. Alverson, the former Julia Grey, has two children: Bruce, age 12, and Becky, age 6.

When we last heard form him, James David Atkinson, Jr., was situated in Evanston, Ill. We have been notified that he is at present residing in San Mateo, Calif.

1931

Miss Mary A. Wilson, who graduated from API in the education course, is still living in Auburn.

McCauley Barnes has his own business in Orlando, Fla.: the Barnes Restuarant Supply

We're always happy to hear from William C. "Red" Sugg, of Decatur, Ga., because his letters are stock-full of information on alumni.

Daniel B. Packard, who received his degree in civil engineering, now calls Wilmington, N.C., his home.

1932

The Alumni Association thanks Major Otis J. Moreman, Jr., and all the other fine alumni who have formally founded an Auburn Club in Tokyo, Japan. To this group of Auburn men and women go our best wishes for continued success in a noble undertaking.

William H. Baskervill has changed his address to Knoxville, Tenn.

Auburn expresses gratitude to alumnus George N. Anderson, Lieutenant Colonel with the Department of State, for the many ways in which he has shown his love for his alma

1933

Oel Johnson has traveled down South America way. He is with the Coca-Cola Export Sales Company, in Rio de Janiero, Brazil.

Arthur David Mayo, Jr., with the General Electric X-Ray Corporation, is now living in Jackson, Miss. His brother, Sam T. Mayo, member of the class of '42, is connected with the Engineering Division of General Electric, in Atlan-

Mrs. Carolyn J. Jones, the former Carolyn Jenkins, who received her B. S. in education, now lives in Shawmut, Ala.

Miss Eunice Turnham now resides in LaFayette, Ala.

Grover C. Moore, Jr., a veteran of almost four years' soldiering during World War II, is now assistant county agent with the Alabama Extension Service, in Lamar County. Mr. Moore has been Training Union Director of the Lamar Baptist Association, secretary of the Wedowee Lion Club, and Commander and Adjutant of American Legion Post 86, in Vernon, Ala., where he resides. He is a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi honor fraternity, and he has three children: LaNelle, 13, Marga-

ret, 9, and G. C. Moore, III, three months of age.

1934

We have heard from numerous alumnae of the class of 34 during the past month. Those who have notified us of their present whereabouts include: Mrs. Francis Marshall (the former Katherine Jackson), of Huntsville, Ala.; Miss Ophelia Smith, of Dublin, Ga.; and Mrs. William Crow (the former Lucille Johnson), of Arlington, Va.

In April, Phil Hudson, of Opelika, Ala., was honored as "Pharmacist of the Week" over a Birmingham, Ala., radio station. Mr. Hudson is owner of the Central Pharmacy in Opelika.

1935

James Cooper is now connected with Delaney's, Inc., in Haleyville, Ala., as Branch

H. A. MacEwen, member of the firm, MacEwen, Hall, & Ferguson, Architects, in Macon, Ga., is thinking of organizing an Alumni Chapter in Macon. We're behind you, Mr. MacEwen.

1936

Dr. Sylvan D. Culver has changed his address from Jacksonville, Fla., to Gainesville, Fla. Dr. Culver is a member of an all-Auburn family, every one of his brothers having graduated from Auburn.

Dwain T. Bowie is at present a captain in the Veterinary Corps of the U. S. Army. During the war, Captain Bowie served his country in the China - India - Burma theatre. He was with Merrill's Marauders in the Central Burma Campaign. Captain Bowie has two sons and a daughter whom he hopes to send to Auburn in the future.

Miss Nettie Barnes has been teaching in Sylacauga since her graduation from API.

1937

Mrs. Starling Johnson, the former Edna Guice, now resides in Opelika, Ala.

Laura L. Ferguson is still teaching social studies at Young Junior High School, Dothan, Ala.

Major Elmer A. Jones is with the Army Area Laboratory, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

1938

Mrs. Nell Holman Pittman, of China Grove, N. C., is married to Robert Clay Pittman, a former postgraudate student at API. They have two children: Janice, age 9, and Kathryn, age 4

We were glad to hear from Martin Odlen in May. Mr. Odlen now lives in Audubon, N. J.

H. Jace Greene, Jr., is a Resident Engineer, now located in Germany.

R. Dudley Smith has been associated with the Smith-Holmberg Men's Store, in Huntsville, Ala., for some time.

G. Thornton Nelson is with the Birmingham Electric Company, in Birmingham.

James T. Doughtie may be reached in Griffin, Ga., where he now lives.

Thanks to T. A. Belser, Superintendent of Recreation in

in Birmingham, Ala.

Montgomery, Ala., for his ac- - try business in Wetumpka, tive co-operation in alumni Ala.; Mrs. Frederick operates affairs.

1939

Good luck and best of wishes to Robert Chesnutt, who has been appointed editor of the Alabama Extension Service, the position formerly held by L. O. Brackeen, Auburn's new publicity director. Mr. Chesnutt joined the Extension Service in 1941, as assistant editor and later became state AAA editor. After three years in the Army, he returned to extension editorial work in 1945.

Mrs. O. F. Mathews, the former Elise Taylor, of Florence, Ala., now resides in Shreveport, La., where her husband practices dentistry. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews have one child, "Mike", who is three years of age.

Miss Annejo McRee, formerly of Hamilton, Ala., now lives in Decatur, Ala.

Mrs. J. H. Phillips, the former Ethel Wiginton, teaches the second grade at the Inwood School, in the Winter Haven, Fla., public school system.

1940

William Austin Buce and his wife, the former Ruth Williams, '41, are now living in Bessemer, Ala., where Mr. Buce is Powder Line Supervisor for the Hercules Powder Co. Mr. and Mrs. Buce have one son, James Austin, who is three and one-half years of

Mrs. Walter B. Mitchell, the former Charlotte Edwards, now resides in Fellsmere, Fla.

Captain Moyer D. Harris is now stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

1941

Duke Davis, Jr., who served for three years in the Navy during World War II, and who attained the rank of Lieutenant, is City Engineer, in Carrollton, Ga.

Rouse S. Farnham, who obtained his B.S. in agriculture, is getting his doctorate in soils at Ohio State Colege, Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Zeffie Jeter is connected with the Lanett City Schools, in Lanett, Ala.

1942

Herbert W. Yeagley is in the Washington, D. C., Office, of the Monsanto Chemical Company

Orval N. Frederick and his wife have purchased a floristhe florist shop while Mr. Frederick works in the VA offices in Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. Hugh L. Sinclair, formerly of Selma, Ala., is now Captain Hugh L. Sinclair. He is stationed at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.

Mrs. William Edgar Bayley, the former Dorris Odom, has her residence in Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Bayley has one child, William E., Jr.

1943

William B. Manning is out in Big Pine, Calif. Mr. Manning is manager of the Glacier Lodge there.

John B. Holt, Jr., is a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and he is stationed in Vienna, Austria.

Associational Pastor of the Russell County Baptist Association is Reverend Russell V. Jensen, who has his home in Wedowee, Ala.

Miss Alma Bentley is a member of the Home Economics Department at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

Captain Charles E. Westbrook is operations officer at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C.

1944

Miss Elinor Bell is a buyer for Davison's, in Atlanta, Ga.

Guy M. Spearman, Jr., is associated in his father's business, in Pensacola, Fla.

Miss Carolyn Page, a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Pi, teaches at the Samson High School, Samson, Ala.

Harold Massey is Baptist Student Director at the University of Miami, at Miami,

Miss Bernice M. Fryer works in the Income Tax Division of the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue, Atlanta, Ga.

1945

Jack Springer has changed his address from Union Springs, Ala., to Tallassee,

Dr. Gibbs Ashley is now practicing veterinary medicine at Winter Garden, Fla. Good to hear from you, Dr. Ashley.

Mrs. Louise Newell, the former Louise Jacks, who obtained her B. S. in Home Economics, resides in Hope Hull, Ala.

1946

Congratulations to Dorrance

"Native of Alabama," subject of which is an Alabama mule grazing, is being shown at the 150th Anniversary Exhibition of Lithography, in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Kiser graduated from API in art. Here, he studied under Professor Malthy Sykes, a leading lithographer. Mr. Kiser is a native of Gardendale, Ala.

Mrs. Robert Hints, the form-Jane Elizabeth Ardis, is living in Pensacola, Fla.

Robert J. Hesslein is now a designing engineer for the Eastman Kodak Company, in Rochester, N. Y.

1947

Miss Mable Moorer, of Evergreen, Ala., who graduated in home economics, has received an appointment for dietitic internship at Harper's Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

James B. Nichols teaches vocational agriculture to veterans in Graceville, Fla.

Miss Annie L. Newell is connected with the Senior High School, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

William A. Burgess is now with the Arkansas Fuel Oil Company, and has his office in Mobile, Ala.

Miss Laura Hatfield resides in Jasper, Ala., and is connected with the Walker County Clinic.

Robert L. Ferrell and his wife, the former Peggy Tucker, also of the class of '47, are residing in Headland, Ala.

Mrs. Carl Owen, Jr., the former Glenda Y. Wallace, is living here in Auburn.

Roy Franklin Roberts, of Fayette, Ala., who was a member of Sigma Nu social fratternity while at API, is an engineer with the Alabama Gas Company, in Birmingham, Ala.

Jack Millikan, who received his degree in agricultural science, teaches vocational Science in Barbour County.

William H. Eiland, Jr., is connected with the Cavalier Corporation in Chattanooga, Tenn., doing time study and cast work.

Thomas I. Young is employed as Electrical Engineer in the Instrument Research Laboratory, N.A.C.A., Langley Field, Va.

Dr. R. M. Lasday is associated with Dr. Bernard Marks in small animal practice, at Jacksonville, Fla.

Leon H. Andrews is now employed as a special engineering apprentice by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, at Louisville, Ky.

1948

Bernard T. Jenny is with the Kiser, whose artistic print Armstrong Cork Co., of Lan- '46.

Miss Auburn

Turns Artist

THE lovely girl pictured at the right was Miss Auburn for 1947. She's also a member of Oracles, Owls, and ADPi Sorority. But that isn't the half of it. When she was Miss Auburn and a student on the campus, everybody called her Miss Pat Patrick. Now, she's Mrs. Erwin Mangrum.

Pat has drawn the art heads used in this issue of the Alumnews. At Phillips High School, in Birmingham, where she received her secondary education, Pat used to slave over improving her art work day and night. The little high school girl made good in her hobby. Today, Pat is artist for API's Research Interpretation

Bob Leigh, asistant director of the RIC, has the best description of Pat. "She's a little

easter, Pa., as a draftsman. Mr. Jenny is a member of Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity,

Foster A. Haley, son of Auburn trustee Paul Haley, who is now studying for his master's degree in journalism at the University of Alabama, may be contacted by his friends at the following address: Box 6222, University,

Leland McLeod Brown is with the Anderson Brass Works, Inc., in Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Brown is a member of Phi Kappa Tau social fra-

Births

A boy, Grover Cleveland Moore III, to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moore, Jr., of Vernon, Ala. Mr. Moore is a member of the class of '33.

A girl, Pamella Ann Cockrell, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Cockrell, of Ontario, Calif. Mr. Cockrell is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity and a graduate of 1940.

A boy, Charles Edward Westbrook, Jr., to Captain and Mrs. Charles E. Westbrook, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Westbrook is a member of the class of '43 and Mrs. Westbrook is a member of the class of '41.

A boy, Billy Decker Wester, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wester, is the former Evelyn Decker,

A boy, John Lowery Johnson, to Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hardy Johnson, Jr., of Rochester, Minn. Dr. Johnson, a member of the class of '36, is in his third year as a fellow in surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Marriages

Charlotte Whitman Edwards, '40, to Walter Budd Mitchell, at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Eau Gallie, Fla. The couple will reside in Fellsmere, Fla.

Martha Ann Bogan, of Greenwood, Miss., to James Frazer Rolen, '40, of Montgomery, Ala.

Peggy Lovelace Penton, '45, to Clarence H. Cook, Jr., '42, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Ala.



Pat Mangrum, Miss Auburn of '47, is now an artist.

Irish girl with blue eyes," he says.

Miss Patrick-excuse me-Mrs. Mangrum is the daughter of Irving Patrick, '24, of Birmingham, and she hopes that her husband will choose Birmingham for his work. He's studying Business Administration. If he does pick Birmingham, Pat will start doing freelance commercial art work in oils there. She's good at it.

Mary Helen Paget, to Duncan James Thigpen, '44, at Fairmount Baptist Church in Red Level, Ala. The couple will reside in Andalusia, Ala.

Jane Fackler, '45, of Wadley, Ala., to Joseph Lee Greene. of Montgomery, Ala.

Ruth Taschetta Greene, of Hampton, Va., to James Matthews, Jr., '46, of Birmingham, Ala.

Virginia Wright Williamson, '46, of Auburn, to James A. Prestridge, '48, of Mobile, Ala., and Brookhaven, Miss., at the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn.

Marion Barr Jackson, of Selma, Ala., to William Byrd Lee, III, '47, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Selma. Blanche Carlton, of New Albany, Miss., to Fred Alonza Sloan, Jr., '47, of Auburn.

Sara Lonita Brewer, '47, to Robert Pittman Eichelberger, of Auburn.

Dorothy Jean Sharp, to Louie Edward Lamb, '47, of Dothan and Montgomery, Ala., at the Pastorium of the Baptist Church in Pine Hill, Ala. The couple will reside in Montgomery, Ala.

Rebekah Ann Norwood, '47, of Valdosta, Ga., to Albert Lee Leggett, of Greenville, Fla. The couple is residing in Greenville, Fla.

Evelyn Thompson, to Jules H. Thornton, '47, at the First Methodist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

Elizabeth Pauline Corcoran, '47, of Cottonton, Ala., to Walter Frederick Browder.

Claudine Fleming, to Joe Mark Chambers, '47, of Brundidge, Ala.

Deaths

William E. Cooney, '22, passed away on March 20. Mr. Cooney was a resident of Mobile, Ala.

Wiliam Bruce Collins, '35, passed away at Phenix City, Ala. Mr. Collins served as a lieutenant colonel under General Patton in the field artillery during the second World

Albert S. Byars, '46, was drowned near Panama City. Fla., last month. Mr. Byars was a member of Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity and of Alpha Phi Omega.

Who Done It?



Mr. Davis, who was with the FBI for ten years, was head cheerleader, a Sigma Nu, and a member of the "A" Club in 1930. After receiving his B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering, he studied law at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. It was while in Washington that he obtained his second degree, an L.L.B.

Luther is a veteran of the U.S.M.C., having formerly been Associate Editor of Leatherneck Magazine, official Marine Corps publication. He has been, at API, associate editor of the 1947-48 Student Handbook. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, and of the Auburn Producers, student radio group.



Davis

Smith

HERE 'N THERE

FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY Auburn seniors received their diplomas on June 4. Commencement Day began at 10 a.m., when graduates and their families gathered in Smith Hall for a "morning coffee." Commencement exercises were held at 3 p.m. in the Sports Arena, with Dr. Dwayne Orton, director of education, International Business Machines Corporation, delivering the commencement address. He spoke on "Human Relations in Technical Times."

Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, Acting President of API, conferred the degrees upon the graduates. Considering the 267 students who graduated at the end of the Fall Quarter and the 243 who graduated at the end of the Winter Quarter, there have been graduated from API during the past three quarters 955

THE AUBURN CHURCH of Christ will have its third annual homecoming, July 15-18. Services will be held each morning and evening beginning with the evening service on July 15. The speakers will be: Carl Spain, of Lubbock, Tex., Jesse Fox, of Memphis, Tenn.; and Furman Cauthen, local Auburn minister. Assisting Mr. Cauthen in the directing of the song services wil be Dr. J. B. Watson, '44, of Trenton, Fla., and Mr. James M. Barton, '42, of Hamilton, Ala. A group lunch on Sunday, July 18, will climax the program.

All former students are urged to return for the services, and the public is cordially invited. Room reservations should be made by those who expect to

AMONG 47 SOUTHERNERS awarded a total of \$100,000 in fellowships by the Julius Rosenwald Fund is Richard Bjurberg, '43, instructor in the Auburn history department. Mr. Bjurberg has been granted a year's leave of absence to study at Vanderbilt University in September. He will expand his study on work started here at Auburn in 1946, when he began working for his Master's Degree.

"Alabama's Congressmen and Governors from 1831-1861" will be Mr. Bjurberg's subject of study. He plans to study their lives, property, and attitudes toward national questions.

A graduate of Anniston High School in 1938, Mr. Bjurberg was graduated from API with a B.S. degree in History. He received his M.S. in 1947.

EARL F. KENNAMER, '40, has been appointed fish and wildlife marketing specialist of the Extension Service here at API. Extension Director P. O. Davis stated that Kennamer officially began his new duties May 1. Mr. Kennamer majored in wildlife management subjects during his agricultural science course at API. While he was attending college, he worked part-time at the Federal Research Laboratory and in one year helped make a dove flight census for the American Wildlife Institute.

In early years, as a sportsman, he became interested in wildlife conservation and game management. He served in the Army during World War II for five and one half years as an artillery officer. In the closing days of the European campaign, he was wounded and captured at Leipzig. After a short period, following a tour of duty as first civil affairs officer of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, he was appointed fish and game supervisor of Bavaria, where he remained for more than a year.

He returned to his former position as assistant agricultural editor for the extension service, in 1946. In this position he was farm page editor for many Alabama papers. Kennamer, since early high school days, has had several articles concerning outdoor sports, conservation, and other subjects published in national magazines. His most recent article is "Fish on the Farm," which appears in the current issue of The Farm Quarterly.

T. W. SCHUESSLER, '42, resigned on April 30 as assistant director of student affairs at Auburn. He has entered business in Decatur, Ala., with the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. Mr. Schuessler began work in the student affairs office in January, 1947, following his discharge from military service.

IT'S A RECORD BREAKING fact! The Auburn Alumni Association now has the largest number of dues-paying members ever recorded at Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

SHELDON L. "SHEL" TOOMER, JR., '43, recently passed through Auburn on his way from Charleston, S.C. to Louisiana. Shel has been transferred to Monroe, Louisiana, by the Advertising Department of Sears-Roebuck.

MRS. C. C. THACH, who is the wife of the late Charles C. Thach, beloved literature professor on the Auburn faculty, was back in Auburn during the first part of May, renewing friendships. Mrs. Thach, now 82 years old, had the time of her life seeing her old friends and recalling her former days here. She said that she was amazed at the changes both in the college and the town.

ON THE CAMPUS

Cinburn Plainsman



Mrs. Simms looks over the shoulder of her husband, who will become Plainsman Editor next fall.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in the history of Auburn, it's happened. When John Donald "Jack" Simms takes over the editorship of The Plainsman, to which office he was elected this past quarter, Auburn's student newspaper will have had the names of a brother-sister combination on its masthead. Jack is the brother of Mimi Simms, editor of The Plainsman over two years ago. Mimi now holds down a position on the staff of The Huntsville Times (Huntsville,

Jack's father, Bennett Thomas Simms, is Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Simms was Auburn's Alumnus of the Month in April. Bennett T. Jr., Jack's brother, now studies veterinary medicine here.

On top of that, Jack's wife is the former Lassie Jo Rounds, '47 member of Delta Zeta sorority. Jack and Lassie Jo met in The Plainsman offices, and the Plainsman Banquet of 1947 formed the scene for their first date together. A member of The Plainsman staff for almost two years, Jack served as Sports Editor for most of that time. The printer's ink in his blood comes from his uncle, Leroy Simms, who heads the Associated Press bureau in Birmingham.

Before entering the Marine Corps in May of 1944, Jack spent one quarter at API. His time in the Marine Corps was passed at Diego, Pendleton, Maui,

Has a New Editor



You all remember Mimi Simms, Editor of The Plainsman in 1946, who is now with The Huntsville Times.

Guam, and Japan. In the last-three-mentioned hotboxes, he was with the Fourth Division.

Here at Auburn, Jack holds membership in Kappa Sigma social fraternity, and ODK honorary fraternity. He is vice-president of ODK. After he graduates next year, Jack says he "wants to go into some phase of newspaper work."

In talking about his general plans for The Plainsman, Jack said: "Through The Plainsman, we hope to make the students of today good alumni of tomorrow."

News From The Clubs

preparations for a statewide Tide-Tiger barbecue, to be dedicated to W. S. Hurst, '08, and the fine work which Mr. Hurst has accomplished in building good

will between the University of Alabama and Auburn. The primary purpose of this August 18 gathering will be to renew old friendships between Auburn and Alabama men and to bring together over plates heaped with barbecued meat the players who will face each other on the gridiron Desember 4.

Mr. Hurst, representing Auburn, and Dr. S. D. Davis, representing the University, have been named co-chairmen of arrange-

ments for the barbecue which will be held at Talladega's Fair Park beginning at 4 p.m. There will be barbecue galore, and the roster of guests will include outstanding newspapermen from over South.

Hurst

The Alumnews and all Auburn salute "Bill" Hurst, who has had much to do with melting the ice barrier between Auburn and the University of Alabama and bringing about the resumption of athletic re-

THE AUBURN CLUB at Talladega is pitching into THE AUBURN CLUB of DeKalb County did some excellent promotional work for its get-together at DeSota Falls, on Lookout Mountain, Thursday, May

> THE AUBURN CLUB of Washington, D. C., recently held two metings. The first was a regular business get-together. Then, on May 28, Auburn alumni and friends attended the Alabama State Society dance at the Wardman Park Hotel.

> AT A RECENT meeting of the Auburn Club of North Texas, a committee was appointed to arrange for a fall meeting, to be held at the Dallas, Tex., Country Club. Ralph Styring, '45, showed some colored movies of shots around the API campus, which he had taken.

> . . THE AUBURN CLUB of New York announces that there will be an Auburn Club Dinner on Tuesday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m., at:

The Midston House 22 East 38th Street S.E. Corner of Madison Avenue New York, N. Y.

There will be an election of officers and adoption of by-laws of the club. Charles Dudley, '23, who is returning to Columbus, Ga., permanently, will give a farewell address.





Auburn's 1948 track team includes: (front row, left to right) Carl Morrisett, Carl Christian, Fred Carley, Joe Pennington, John Brnilovitch, Red Snell; (second row) Chauncey Wood, Al Jones, Jimmy Walker, Dickie Flournoy, Whitey Overton; (third

row) Jim Bailey, Jim Wood, Don Watzman, Carroll Phillips, Bill Mobberly; (fourth row) Asst. Coach Jeff Beard, Tommy Steel, Manager Blakeley Robertson, Sam Barrett, and Coach Wilbur Hutsell. For the story on API's track team, refer to "Sports in Brief."

With Auburn's Football Great



CAPTAIN OF API's 1938 football team, T. A. "Bo" Russell, '39, above, was one of Auburn's greatest tackles. He made All S.E.C. in '37 and '38. "Bo" Russell served as a captain during World War II, taking part in some of the Pacific's most dangerous action. He is married to the former Ann Lutz, of Birmingham, has two daughters, Lida Ann and Patricia Jean, and is connected with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., in Birmingham, Alabama.

What Mike Says

MIKE DONAHUE, who produced Auburn teams that won 98, lost 36, and tied six from 1904 through 1922, is very happy over Alabama and Auburn renewing relations.

"It is a very fine thing for football," said Mike, now a director of intramural sports at Louisiana State University, "if they will accept the game like any other game. I tried to bring the schools together several times after relations were broken in the spring of 1908.

"The game was always very cleanly played during the time I was coaching at Auburn, beginning with the 1904 game. I have heard that riots and the conduct of the players were responsible for the severance of relations.

"I want to tell you this is not true. Failure to agree on details, where the teams would stay, the expenses, and how many players each squad would be permitted to have and officials, caused the breaking of relations.

"Coach Pollard did not use an illegal shift against Auburn.

"I was in Tuscaloosa with Tom Bragg, director of athletics, and met with Hill Ferguson and Coach Doc Pollard in the old McLester Hotel. The meeting took place after a ball game between Auburn and Alabama late in the spring of 1904.

"There was no agreement reached on officials and details of the game. Reaching an impasse, the game was called off for 1908."

Coach Donahue—never a more beloved man ever coached than Mike—plans to see the game, if he can buy a ticket.

Donahue's teams won the Southern championships in 1904-'08-'13-'14. The 1908 and 1914 teams were unscored on.

The above statement by Mike Donahue is an excerpt from the column, "Dusting Em Off," written by Zipp Newman, Sports Editor, The Birmingham News-Age-Herald,

Sports In Brief

By Bob Ingram

DURING THE MONTH of May, the 1948 edition of the Auburn baseball and track teams wrote finish to a very successful season. In baseball the Tigers swept to the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division championship, edging out Tech in a close finish. The Tigers defeated Vaderbilt early in the month in both ends of a two game series. They followed this double win with another double triumph, this time over the strong University of Georgia Bulldogs. Willard Nixon stole the show in both these games, as he won them both with his good right arm. In the opener he hurled a one-hitter at the Georgians, and then in the second game came back as a relief pitcher to quell a Georgia uprising and get credit for his second win in two days. The Tigers then returned home for a crucial two-game series with the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, and the visitors from the Cracker state rose up and smacked down the Tigers in both games. They won the opener 13-8, then shelled the previously unbeaten Nixon for a 12-6, 12 inning win. But the Tigers were not to be denied. They journeyed to Nashville where they stomped Vanderbilt twice while Georgia was doing us the favor of knocking off Tech in two games. Auburn was the new Eastern Division champion. But from here on it is a dark picture. The Tigers' victorious march was brought to an abrupt halt, thanks to bad weather, bad breaks, and a very fine Mississippi State nine. The Mississippians, Western Division Champs, swept three consecutive games from our Tigers in the three out of five playoffs for the SEC title. The Plainsmen were denied a possible victory in the opener when Mother Nature stepped in to rain out the game after the Tigers had gone to 2-0 lead in the opening frame. The following day, while the Tiger infield blew sky-high, the Maroons swept to a double victory over the Plainsmen, 7-5 and 4-3. Nixon was driven from the mound in the 8th inning of the first game to be registered with the loss, while George Hill pitched a losing five-hitter in the nightcap. In the third game of the series, the Tigers again fell, 6-5. Defensively, the Auburn team was excellent, but their hitting was woefully weak. Credit must of course be given to the State hurler, Lefty Bill Brandon, who was superb when the chips were down. This series was a bitter pill for Auburnites to swallow, but we are still convinced here on the Plains that this 1948 Auburn nine is the finest to represent Auburn in many years. Our hat is off to Coach Doyle and his team. We are proud of their record.

AUBURN'S TRACK TEAM wound up their season with a record of two wins and two losses in dual meets, and placed second in the Southeastern Conference Track Meet held in Birmingham. Predicted by practically all of the so-called experts to finish fourth in the meet, the Tigers came within inches of de-throning L.S.U. Leading Auburn in their fine showing at Birmingham were Whitey Overton with nine points, and Fred Carley with eight. The former successfully defended his two-mile crown, while placing second in the mile behind Carley, Carley, closing fast, finished third in the 880-yard run. Other point makers for Auburn were Joe Pennington, who retained his SEC 110 high hurdle title, Jack De-Medicis, John Brnilovitch, Jim Wood, Jimmy Walker and Billy Payne. The final running score of the meet showed L.S.U. leading with 41, Auburn close behind with 361/2, Tulane next with 35, and Tech

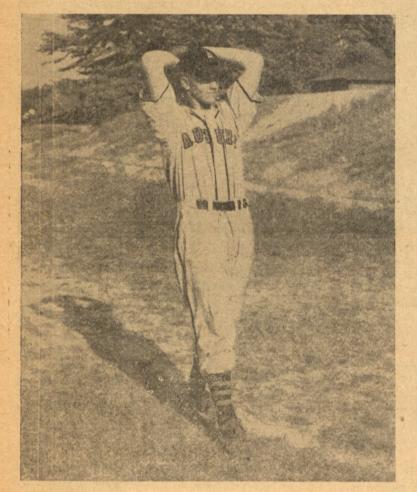
Auburn has that winning fever—track, tennis, base-ball, golf, wrestling and basketball—all of them winners.

ACTING PRESIDENT Ralph B. Draughon gave Auburn a surprise gift last May 8, when he and President John Gallalee of the University of Alabama released the announcement of an Auburn-Bama football game on next December 4. But that wasn't all of the surprise. The contract which Mr. Draughon signed not only calls for a game this year, but also for a game next year, and for freshman football games.

Birmingham has been selected as the game's site—Birmingham's Legion Field. The question now is: how can even Legion hold the more than 100,000 people who will be wanting to see the first-Auburn-Bama game in over 40 years.

Nixon Sizes Up the Batter . . .

He Winds Up, Still Eyeing the Batter . . .



Grasps the Ball . . .



How Nixon

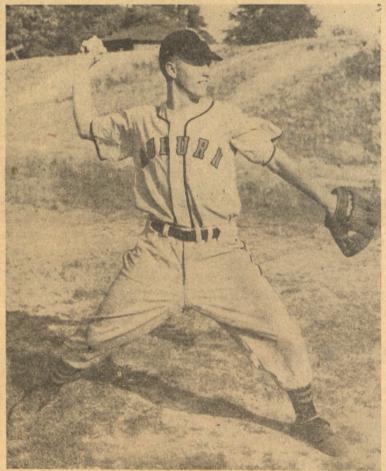
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Photos by Hugh Alford, '47 Comment by Bob Ingram, '49

With Two Fingers and His Thumb . . .



And Lets Go !!!



WHEN the PHILADEL-PHIA ENQUIRER recently stated that Willard Nixon of Auburn was the finest college pitcher since Spud Chandler was dishing them up for the University of Georgia back in the early, '30's, they heard no dissenting votes; fans are convinced that young Nixon is the best yet, and his record certainly backs them up.
Winning 10 while losing
only 2, Nixon fireballed his
way to a no-hitter, a couple of two-hitters, a trio of three-hitters, and a fivehitter. In one game he set a new SEC strikeout record by whiffing 20 batters. Not satisfied with just being a great pitcher, Nixon played right field when he was not on the hill, and the led the team in batting with a hetty .417 average. It is very doubtful that Willard the Whiz will be with the Tigers next year as there is a covey of major league scouts on his trail now, but it will be a long time before Auburn forgets this great ballplayer. His professional career will be followed closely by all of us. That boy is going places.